



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE  
TOWN BULLETIN  
FEBRUARY 2007**

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**TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
WABA**

February 13  
February 21  
NO MEETING  
February 1

Clemett  
Chihak

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**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** Highlights from the January 9th Council meeting include:

- The Council held a public hearing to discuss extending the moratorium on topping or removing trees in Beaux Arts until a tree-management ordinance can be completed. Twenty-three residents appeared at the hearing to comment on the moratorium, its possible extension and plans for tree management. Ten others submitted comments in writing prior to the hearing. After hearing from residents, the Council spent a considerable amount of time discussing whether to extend the moratorium, if so, for how long, and whether to alter some of the wording of the moratorium. The Council then extended the moratorium by carried motion for nine months while a tree management plan can be prepared, reviewed by the Planning Commission, and approved by the Council. For more information on the moratorium, check the Town's website at [www.beauxarts-wa.gov](http://www.beauxarts-wa.gov) or contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.
- The Council passed Ordinance No. 347 imposing an additional ¼% real-estate excise tax (REET) on property sold in Beaux Arts. All of the money collected by this tax will be used for capital projects, primarily street repairs and reconstruction.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 233 setting new fees for some services and permits within the Town of Beaux Arts. Of particular note is an increase in water-department fees. The new minimum charge for water sold to Beaux Arts residents will be \$40.00 per billing cycle and the overage charge will be \$1.00 per 100 cubic feet for each cubic foot in excess of 1400 cubic feet in the billing cycle. The Beaux Arts Water Department continues to provide some of the best tasting water in the area at a price that is lower than other water utilities. For comparison, the charge for 1400 cf from the Bellevue Water Utility would be \$53.73, the charge for the next 600 cf would be \$2.28 per 100 cf, the charge for the next 1000 cf would be 3.15 per cubic foot. One can see that not only does our water taste much better (no chlorine!) but it is far less expensive.
- The Council adopted Resolution No. 234 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement for Watershed Basins within WRIA8. This group is spearheading efforts to restore Chinook-salmon habitat in waters throughout western Washington.

- The Council passed Ordinance No. 348 establishing the Seattle Times as the official newspaper of the Town. Henceforth, all public hearing notices and ordinance summaries will appear in the public-notices section of the Seattle Times.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Carol Clemett's house. The Council will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the Zoning Code, including allowing certain intrusions into the setback area and changing the method of calculating GFAR to make basement garages consistent with other basement living area.

**STREET LIGHTS:** In driving around since the "Big Blow", it is apparent that there are an unusual number of unlighted street lights in Beaux Arts. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will be contacting PSE in the near future to ask that these lights be maintained and to ask that the light at the north end of 107<sup>th</sup> be restored to its pole. If you have a street light out near your home, please contact Sue Ann at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) or 425.454.8580 and leave a message noting the exact location of the pole, including the pole number (usually eight to twelve digits embossed on a metal strip) OR you may contact PSE directly at 425- 452-1234 or online at <http://www.pse.com/test/contactforms/streetlight.aspx>.

#### **WABA NEWS:**

WABA welcomes new board member Rich Bray as treasurer. We look forward to a great year ahead planning for the Centennial Celebration in 2008.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Winter Dinner a success, especially Angela Kulp, chair of the dinner and Centennial Committee!

And more thanks to outgoing Treasurer Gerri Armbruster who was a superb board member always willing to lend a helping hand!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** WABA will hold two public meetings this spring for bringing members up to speed on the update of the by-laws and the new Woodlands Management Plan.

Both meetings will be at the Bellevue Christian Church off 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The by-laws meeting will be Monday, March 5, and the Woodlands meeting will be Wednesday, April 25. WABA will be sending more information prior to the dates.

**VOLUNTEERS** are still needed for various WABA events and committees this year. Please contact Julia Morse at 451-2515 or [juliamorse@comcast.net](mailto:juliamorse@comcast.net) if you would like to help out:

**Openings: Beach Mother for Summer 2007** (coordinates lifeguard supervision, helps with children's activities, etc.)

**Beach Activities Helpers** (with beach mother, helps plan and run children's activities)

**Summer Picnic Chair(s)** (oversees the planning of this great summertime event)

**Pet Parade Organizer for summer picnic**

**Centennial Committee Members** to help plan various activities for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WABA including old-timers' picnic, parade, home tour, winter gala, and other activities!

**Woodlands Restoration Volunteers** are always welcomed! Commons Planning Committee will reorganize to tackle the next phase of the Commons Mater Plan. This plan will focus on the facilities our members use, including roads and trails, structures and parking areas. Five or so more folks with expertise in this area and a willingness to commit to a monthly meeting are sought!

**Talking About Beaux Arts**, the coffee table book that made its debut at the Winter Dinner, will be available for distribution in April. The book features historical information and stories of Village life told from the perspective of many residents past and present, as well as photos, maps, and a record of owners of each property from the very first owners to 2005.

Two galley copies will be available to view at the WABA general meeting on March 5.

200 signed copies will be available to WABA members. Initially, each household will be eligible to order one signed copy. After the initial order, remaining, unsold signed copies will be offered again until they are gone. Signed copies will cost \$35. Any number of unsigned copies may be ordered, and will sell for \$30.

You may place your order for copies of this unique book at the WABA meeting on March 5th, or by contacting Robin Stefan (e-mail: [robinstefan@comcast.net](mailto:robinstefan@comcast.net), phone 453-1133). For your order to be confirmed, your check, payable to **BAV Stories Project**, must be mailed or delivered to Robin, prior to **March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

For those people who ordered copies at the Winter Dinner, please confirm your order by delivering your check to Robin as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

#### **NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?**

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about **issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns**. You can reach her by email at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov), by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at [bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov), by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Town Marshal Walter Scott** at (425) 454-2573 or **Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster** at (425) 746-0757 to report Blockwatch concerns.